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SUBJ: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWAGENCY (AZAP) OCTOBER 10 CITED AFP REPORT ACCORDING TO WHICH FNLA TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED UCUA 60 KMS. EAST OF CAXITO ON ROUTE FROM CAXITO TO CARMONA. REPORT DESCRIBES UCUA AS IMPORTANT MPLA BASE. SAID MPLA FORCE WAS SURPRISED, OFFERED SLIGHT RESISTANCE, ABANDONED SOME EQUIPMENT. NO INDICATION WHEN FNLA TROOPS TOOK UCUA.

2. SECOND AZAP REPORT, ALSO OCTOBER 10, QUOTING FNLA COMMUNIQUE, SAID FNLA TROOPS ON OCTOBER 9 TOOK TOWN OF PRIR HALFWAY BETWEEN UCUA AND QUIBAXE. PIRI SAID TO HAVE CONSTITUTED STRATEGIC HEART OF MPLA FIRST MILITARY REGION, AND TO HAVE BEEN ITS MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY BASE IN NORTH CENTRAL ANGOLA. SAME COMMUNIQUE SAID FNLA CIVIL AIRCRAFT HAD DROPPED

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50,000 LEAFLETS ON LUANDA. CONTENT OF MESSAGE CARRIED BY LEAFLETS

NOT SPECIFIED.

3. THIRD AZAP REPORT, ALSO OCTOBER 10, HAVE HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 9 PRESS CONFERENCE AT KINSHASA BY FNLA'S HENDRICK VAAL NETO. VAAL NETO SAID FNLA REGARDED OAU RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE AS IMPORTANT, SAID FNLA FAVORS POLITICAL SOLUTION IN ANGOLA BUT DOUBTS MPLA WILL COLOBRATE IN COMMITTEE'S WORK. DENOUNCED PARTISAN MANEUVERS OF CERTAIN

MEMBERS OF RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE. NOTED THAT COMMITTEE, AGAINST FNLA CONDITIONS, HAD MET SEPARATELY WITH THE MOVEMENTS, HUMORING MPLA REFUSAL TO SIT AT SAME TABLE WITH OTHER GROUPS. OBJECTED ALSO TO ACCEP-

TANCE OF MPLA MOVE TO SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING AFTER ARRIVAL OF COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY IN LUANDA, GIVING IMPRESSION TO SOME THAT MPLA CONTROLS ANGOLA. CITED COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY'S ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON ZONES OF INFLUENCE AS GESTURE OF DIVISION RATHER THAN RECONCILIATION. FINALLY VAAL NETO URGED RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE TO FULFILL "ITS TASK AND ONLY ITS TASK", HEARING THE GROUPS AS A WHOLE, TREATING ALL EQUALLY. WALKER

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